

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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To: Service List of R.06-06-028

Subject: Temporary suspension of applications for CASF grants

The Commission is releasing a proposed decision today which is expected to allow applications for California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) grants to be coordinated with funds available under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to further extend broadband service to unserved and underserved areas.

The National Telecommunications Information Administration has established the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to provide \$4.7 billion in ARRA grants to accelerate broadband deployment in the United States. This new program is expected to provide 80% of the funding for approved broadband projects with the applicant funding the 20%. Based on the maximum funding available from the ARRA, the proposed decision would modify the CASF matching requirements to allow the CASF to match half of the remaining cost (10%).

To ensure that there are no overlaps in the application process, (i.e., in the previous 40% and the new 10% CASF match in the proposed decision), the Communications Division is temporarily suspending the acceptance of new CASF applications until the Commission adopts the proposed decision. We expect to reopen the process in mid-July and adhere to the schedule in Appendix 1 of the proposed decision.

If you have any questions on the CASF application process, please contact Norman Low at [ncl@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ncl@cpuc.ca.gov) or at (415) 703-1607.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jack Leutza".

Jack Leutza, Director  
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